

**FACT SHEET  
STATEWIDE 1915(c)  
HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER  
FOR THE  
ELDERLY AND DISABLED**

The statewide Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services effective May 1, 2002 to serve 2,871 elderly and disabled individuals. This Waiver is intended to provide a community-based cost-effective alternative to institutional nursing facility care for eligible individuals.

The Commission on Aging and Disability serves as the Administrative Lead Agency for the Waiver, which is administered under the supervision of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals wishing to enroll in the HCBS Waiver must meet the following requirements:

- Be a resident of the State of Tennessee;
- Meet the financial requirements to receive Medicaid as determined by the Department of Human Services;
- Meet TennCare Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) medical criteria for level 1 nursing facility care;
- Be an adult over the age of 21;
- Be able to receive services in the home at a cost less than that of institutional care; and
- Have an adequate social support system to assure the health and safety of the individual while receiving services in a home and community based setting.

**SERVICES**

Individuals enrolled in the Waiver will be eligible to receive all TennCare covered services and the following Waiver services:

- **Case Management:** Enrollees receive case management visits for the purpose of arranging and coordinating waiver and other services and reviewing the quality of care
- **Homemaker Services:** Enrollees may receive assistance with general household chores such as sweeping, mopping, dusting, making the bed, washing dishes, personal laundry, etc.

- **Personal Care Services:** Enrollees may receive assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding and other activities of daily living including some assistance with household cleaning and the maintenance of a safe environment
- **Minor Home Modifications:** Enrollees may have assistive equipment installed in their homes, including ramps, rails, non-skid surfacing, grab bars, and other devices that help with mobility and independence
- **Personal Emergency Response Systems :** Enrollees may receive a response system "call button" to summon assistance by telephone in an emergency situations when the caretaker is not present
- **Home Delivered Meals:** Enrollees may receive delivered meals, including special diets, if ordered by the physician
- **Respite Care:** Enrollees can receive care on a short-term basis (up to 9 days per waiver year) when there is an absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care

***For further information contact, you may call the following toll free number:***

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